

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing a network,  
2 comprising:  
3 a) identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a graphical user interface;  
4 b) associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical user interface; and  
5 c) determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid utilizing the  
6 graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract cost, an  
7 invoice cost, and a landed cost associated with the distribution of the item.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating reports for each of the  
2 items utilizing the cost model.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the reports is for a plurality of the  
2 items.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the cost model identifies a source and a  
2 destination of the item.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the cost models are available for  
2 being associated with the item.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the item is identified and the cost model  
2 associated with the item utilizing a network.
- 1 7. A system for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing a network,  
2 comprising:

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- 3 a) logic for identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a graphical user  
4 interface;
- 5 b) logic for associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical user  
6 interface; and
- 7 c) logic for determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid utilizing  
8 the graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract cost, an  
9 invoice cost, and a landed cost associated with the distribution of the item.

1 8. The system of claim 7, further comprising logic for generating reports for each of  
2 the items utilizing the cost model.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein at least one of the reports is for a plurality of the  
2 items.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the cost model identifies a source and a  
2 destination of the item.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein a plurality of the cost models are available for  
2 being associated with the item.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the item is identified and the cost model  
2 associated with the item utilizing a network.

1 13. A computer program product for utilizing cost models in a supply chain utilizing  
2 a network, comprising:

- 3 a) computer code for identifying at least one item to be distributed utilizing a  
4 graphical user interface;
- 5 b) computer code for associating a cost model with the item utilizing the graphical  
6 user interface; and
- 7 c) computer code for determining a time frame during which the cost model is valid  
8 utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the cost model identifies a contract

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